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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Volleyball

Our students have been enjoying a fun season. They are culminating the season with a grade seven vs. staff game at lunch this Friday.

MUSIC ASSEMBLY AND SING-A-LONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 15 AT 1PM

This is the final assembly of the term as we celebrate the successes of our students and welcome our New Year. Please plan to attend and join in with some traditional and non-traditional Christmas songs.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT AT MINORU: Please note the cost of this is \$6.50 per person / \$17.50 per family

This year our family skate night is on Thursday, Dec. 15th from 7-8:30pm at the Minoru Arena. Admissions \$6.50 per person or \$17.50 per family which includes skate and helmet rentals and a hot cocoa and a cookie. Ticket orders are due by Tuesday, December 6th in the PAC box.

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS:

Report cards are planned to be sent home on Friday, December 9th. The district is no longer using ReportMaker. At this time schools will be using MyEducation BC to report out on students' progress. Moving from using ReportMaker to using MyEducation BC to generate progress reports will not change the standard reporting requirements: of providing brief comments and entering students' achievement levels/letter grades for each subject area. The district and the province are seeking further information from our parent communities as we all work to further enhance the communication of student learning. Feedback is welcomed and we all look forward to participating in the process when it is developed. Parents are very welcome to contact their child's teacher at any time, not just at reporting time, to discuss their child's progress.

SHARE THE WARMTH WITH OUR SPIRIT CUB

The Spirit Club is collecting blankets, towels and gently used men's clothing for the Salvation Army Richmond House which is a permanent year-round resource in Richmond. All clothing items are welcomed and toiletries will also be appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the Share The Warmth Spirit Bin which is located near the office until Tuesday December 6th. On behalf of the Spirit Club students, a special thank you for sharing the warmth, and letting our Richmond community know that Byng cares.

WINTER BREAK – DECEMBER 19 to JANUARY 2ND

School Closes on Friday, Dec. 16

School reopens on Tuesday, January 3

BYNG NEEDS "LOOSE PARTS"

Loose Parts are known open-ended materials that are child-centered and can be used in environments and experiences that encourage problem solving and communication. Children involve themselves in concrete experiences using loose parts, which lead to explorations that occur naturally, as opposed to adult directed. However, adults do play important, intentional roles in preparing, guiding, and documenting open ended learning experiences. At Byng we are hoping to increase our collection of loose parts and are currently seeking donations of

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| • Corks | • Glass beads / gems | • Thread spools |
| • Buttons | • Pebbles | • Nuts, bolts, screws, washers, etc. |
| • Bottle caps | • Pine cones | • Felt |
| • Film canisters | • Shells | • Mosaic tiles |
| | | • Small wooden blocks |

If you can donate any of the above items we would be very appreciative.



SNOW DAYS, WINTER WEATHER

As we will soon be experiencing much colder weather, please be sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear to school. As our weather has definitely turned to winter it is time to refresh parents as to the Richmond School District's protocol regarding snow. "Staff, students and parents should assume that schools will be open every day during the school year. During a snow event, or other weather event, there will be NO public announcement that schools are open. ONLY CLOSURES will be announced. Should it become necessary to close schools, that decision will be made as early as possible – no later than 6:00 am and announced via the following media outlets: CKNW AM 980 radio, News AM 1130 radio, CBC AM 690 radio, Fairchild AM 1470 radio, CHQM FM 103.5 radio, CBC television, BCTV, City TV and CTV BC.

RICHMOND CHRISTMAS FUND

The Richmond Christmas Fund provides food certificates (and new toys for children 15 years and under) to low income Richmond residents. Call 604 279-7020, or email christmasfund@volunteerrichmond.ca for detailed information. How can I apply for help?

This year the Richmond Christmas Fund will be doing SAME DAY family registration and toy pick up at the Caring Place, 7000 Minoru Blvd., 9am to 1pm on Saturday, Dec. 3, Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, Dec. 17. Please refer to the website or see us in the office for more specific information.

PAC MEETING

All parents are invited to attend our monthly PAC meeting and our next one is January 11 at 6:30 pm.

Remembrance Day

This important assembly was very well attended. Our students participated in meaningful and memorable ways. The attendance of some veterans and our students who were dressed in their service uniforms further added to the morning.

The display of Remembrance that has been assembled by our students and staff remains on display in the front hall for this month and really helps us to understand how Remembrance Day is so important to our families. Donations for the Poppy Fund totaled \$287.00.



YMCA WINTER BREAK CAMP:

YMCA Day Camps will be in full swing during Winter Break. Join us for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends. Each week includes an exciting out-trip, festive-themed programming and much more! Daily registration available. Register now at 604.939.9622 or online at daycamp@gv.ymca.ca

GRADE 4 AND 5 SKI AND SNOWBOARD PASS –

For more information, and a complete list of ski areas, visit www.snowpass.ca

Dates to Remember:

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| Tues. Nov. 29 | Pizza Day |
| Wed. Nov. 30 | Div. 2 Greek Fair from 1:15-2:30pm |
| Mon. Dec. 5 | Professional Development Day – School closed |
| Tues., Dec. 6 | Pizza Day Skate Forms due & Share the Warmth Deadline |
| Wed., Dec. 7 | Spirit Day – Wear your PJ's |
| Fri. Dec. 9 | Fresh Slice Pizza Day Report Cards |
| Tues. Dec. 13 | Pizza Day |
| Tues. Dec. 15 | Music Assembly at 1pm Evening Family Skate at Minoru – 7 – 8:30 pm |
| Fri. Dec. 18 | Last Day of School before Winter Break |
| Tues., Jan. 3 | Students return to school after Winter Break |

